

In the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for sharing information in a network, comprising steps of:

enabling a user to define a data segment (S501);

recording the defined data segment (S501) at one of a plurality of user systems connected to the network;

transmitting first information ~~associated with~~ identifying the defined data segment to a remote location (S506); and

receiving from the remote location, at each of the plurality of user systems connected to the network, second information ~~associated with~~ identifying the defined data segment (S507).

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the defined data segment comprises a portion of a television program.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the user defines the data segment by specifying a starting point and an ending point of the defined data segment.

4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the first information ~~associated with~~ identifying the defined data segment comprises a first starting point and a first ending point of the defined data segment, and the second information ~~associated with~~ identifying the defined data segment comprises a second starting point and a second ending point of the defined data segment.

5. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising a step of enabling the user to modify the defined data segment.

6. (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein modifying the defined data segment includes changing at least one of a starting point and an ending point of the defined data segment.

7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the first information ~~associated with~~ identifying the defined data segment is transmitted to the remote location in accordance with a predefined time schedule.

8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the second information ~~associated with~~ identifying the defined data segment is adjusted at the remote location to compensate for time delay differences within the network.

9. (Currently Amended) A method for sharing information in a network, comprising steps of:

recording data segments defined by any of a plurality of users;
receiving from ~~a the~~ plurality of users, information ~~associated with~~ identifying the data segments defined by the plurality of users (S506); at a remote location; and
transmitting to each of the plurality of users, the information ~~associated with~~ identifying the data segments defined by the any of the plurality of users (S507), from the remote location.

10. (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein at least one of the data segments comprises a portion of a television program.

11. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 9, wherein the information ~~associated with~~ identifying the data segments comprises a starting point and an ending point for each one of the data segments.

12. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 9, wherein the information ~~associated with~~ identifying the data segments is received from the plurality of users in accordance with a predefined time schedule.

13. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 9, further comprising a step of adjusting the information ~~associated with~~ identifying the data segments to compensate for time delay differences among the plurality of users.

14. (Currently Amended) An apparatus (11/12/13), comprising:

means (203) for storing a data segment in accordance with user inputs at one of a plurality of user systems connected to the network;

means (208) for transmitting first information ~~associated with~~ identifying the stored data segment to a remote location from the one of a plurality of user systems connected to the network; and

means (201) for receiving second information ~~associated with~~ identifying the stored data segment from the remote location at each of the plurality of user systems connected to the network.

15. (Original) The apparatus of claim 14, wherein the stored data segment comprises a portion of a television program.

16. (Original) The apparatus of claim 14, wherein the user inputs specify a starting point and an ending point of the data segment.

17. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 14, wherein the first information ~~associated with~~ identifying the stored data segment comprises a first starting point and a first ending point of the stored data segment, and the second information associated with the stored data segment comprises a second starting point and a second ending point of the stored data segment.

18. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 14; wherein the first information ~~associated with~~ identifying the stored data segment is transmitted to the remote location in accordance with a predefined time schedule.

19. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 14, wherein the second information ~~associated with~~ identifying the defined data segment is adjusted at the remote location to compensate for time delay differences within the network.